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## OATH TAKEN BY POSSUM HUNTERS

At Altar Of Guns, Halter  
and Strap,

SAYS WITNESS SILAS JENKINS

Sensational Testimony Of  
One Who Was a Member  
Of the "Lodge."

PRES JENKINS ALSO WITNESS

Bowling Green, Ky., Jan. 14.—The cruel and inhuman punishment inflicted upon their victims, together with the workings of the organized band of "possum hunters" in Butler and Muhlenberg counties, were revealed here at the trial of George Sweezer, one of the men under indictment in Butler county. The cases were transferred to Warren county on a change of venue.

The case of Sweezer is the second of nine cases to come before the court here. Pres C. Jenkins, the leader in his immediate locality, already has been convicted and is under a four-year sentence.

The sensation of the two trials came when Silas Jenkins, one of the men under indictment, told on the stand of the workings of the "lodge" known as the "Amalgamated Order of the World," better known in Muhlenberg county as "possum hunters." He stated in substance that the oath administered required "obedience to all orders of the president of the local, whenever and wherever given, either night or day, attendance at all meetings when called, except when sickness prevented," and an injunction, "not to reveal any secrets or work of the organization."

This oath, he said, was taken upon bended knees before an altar of pistols, rope, halter and a strap. The candidate was given to understand that the pistols and the halter were for those on the inside should they violate their oaths, and the strap for outside work. The symbol of membership was a small safety pin worn on the left lapel of the coat, signifying "safety first."

There were signs of various kinds. One was known as the "courthouse," consisting of the rubbing of a left hand on the left lapel of the coat. This sign was for use in the courtroom and used as a signal to a juror that the prisoner at the bar was a member of the order, thus giving him protection, Jenkins said. Used in this instance, the juror was to use his utmost to clear the prisoner, and it was his duty to do so. The grip was the grasping of the little finger of the right hand. When meeting in the woods, as a sign of recognition in the dark, the word code was "Hay, hoe."

Jenkins stated that the order originally was started in August, 1914, for the purpose of bettering prices for the products of the farm, the advancing of the interests of the farmers in general and the amicable settlement of disputes between members, and that the night-riding features were brought into Butler from Muhlenberg county.

Pres C. Jenkins, who is still here in jail awaiting the mandate of the Court of Appeals, which affirmed the Warren Circuit Court, was introduced by the Commonwealth. He said he was president of his local, which had 14 members. At his trial last fall he denied any connection with the night riders or any whippings, but to-day admitted having taken part in three raids, at the last of which, he said, some eight or ten were whipped.

Jim Way, negro, the main witness for the Commonwealth, told of the treatment received by him at the hands of alleged "possum hunters." In substance he said: "I was awakened about 2 o'clock in the morning of the first Saturday in November, 1914, by the breaking in of my door. A large number of men, with masks and carrying guns, entered the room and told me to get up and to come along. They wanted me and to come along. They got up, and they seized me and led me to only my nightclothes and were forced to a telephone pole some 400 yards from my house. They told me they were going to hang me. I did not have this. I then was

told to hug the pole, and my hands were strapped to it. A negro then rolled my night shirt to my shoulders, and the whip was applied unmercifully to my naked skin. It was a strap four inches wide. They told me they were going to apply the whip 100 times, and I guess they did, at least I felt like it was applied that many times, and it was six months before I fully recovered from that fearful beating.

"How many were in the crowd?" he was asked.

"I don't know. There were a great many. They said there were 1,000. There must have been 300 or 400."

"What did they do after whipping you?"

"One man led me toward my house and a number followed. I was told to go home."

"What did the rest do?"

"They disbanded, some going one way and some another."

"Were you blindfolded?"

"Yes, when they led me from the house a handkerchief was placed about my eyes, but I could see."

"Did you recognize any one?"

Here the witness answered in the affirmative, naming most of the men under indictment.

"How did you recognize them?"

"I could see them, and then I knew their voices. I have known some of them all my life."

The developments of the day were the most sensational in the history of the county, and the nature of the oath and the workings and signs of the "possum hunters" were revealed for the first time in any court in this section.

Year and a Day For Sweezer.

Bowling Green, Ky., Jan. 14.—The jury in the case of George Sweezer, a farmer, of Huntsville, Butler county, charged with whipping Jim Ray, a negro, of Rochester, on November 7, 1914, brought in a verdict finding him guilty and fixing his punishment at one year and a day in the penitentiary.

This is the second conviction in alleged "possum hunters" of Butler county, the other one being Pres C. Jenkins, who was given four years and a day at the April term, 1915, for the whipping of the Webster family.

It is understood four were for acquittal, while some were for the full extent of the law—fifteen years.

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To keep your liver active use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They insure good digestion, relieve constipation, and tone up the whole system—keep your eye clear and your skin fresh and healthy looking. Only 25c at your druggist.

MAN WHO KILLED BOY  
GETS 8-YEAR SENTENCE

New Castle, Ky., Jan. 14.—Henry Brierly, sixty-eight years old, was found guilty by a jury in the Henry Circuit Court here to-day of the murder of Leonard Pollard, a youth of twenty, at Lockport, this county, in 1905, and sentenced to serve eight years in the penitentiary.

Brierly, according to the testimony, fled the country after the killing, and a woman, with whom he is alleged to have been living in Texas, gave him up to the officers. Brierly left a wife at Lockport. The Henry county Sheriff brought him back to this place, where he was lodged in jail.

Young Pollard was in a fight with a son of Brierly, when, according to witnesses at the trial, Brierly shot the lad, who was unarmed.

A dry, hacking cough is hard on the lungs, often causing them to bleed. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is a healing balm that quickly repairs damage in the lungs and air passages. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Wilbur Mitchell, Beaver Dam.

Lucky She Didn't Hear.

Jones observed an old lady sitting across the room.

"For heaven's sake," he remarked to Robinson, "who is that extraordinarily ugly woman there?"

"That," answered Robinson coldly, "is my wife."

Jones was taken back, but quickly recovered himself.

"Well," he said persuasively, "you just ought to see mine."

Constipation and Indigestion.

"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets and must say they are the best I have ever used for constipation and indigestion. My wife also used them for indigestion and they did her good," writes Eugene S. Knight, Wilmington, N. C. Obtainable everywhere.

## LAW TO RESTRICT AMERICAN TRAVEL

Is Urged By Bryan In the  
Commoner.

WOULD NOT PERMIT VESSELS

Bearing Citizens Of This  
Country To Get Clear-  
ance Or Land.

MENACES THE NATION'S PEACE

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 14.—W. J. Bryan calls on Congress to enact without delay a law which will prevent American clearance or entry of belligerent ships that carry American passengers.

Further, until such a law is in effect, he would restrain Americans from traveling on such ships. A signed editorial appearing in the present issue of the Commoner contains Mr. Bryan's opinion of the sinking of the Persia. It says:

"The sinking of the Persia, which has brought to our overburdened President a new embarrassment, and to the jingo press a new opportunity to shed their red ink on imaginary battlefields, calls for immediate action by Congress—not a declaration of war, but a measure of protection against war."

"American citizens should not be permitted to travel on belligerent ships. Why should an American, by his foolhardiness, drag his country into war or even to the verge of a diplomatic break? If he has no consideration for his own safety or for his Government's welfare, he should be restrained by law."

"What would we think of a citizen who, in time of riot, insisted on mingling with the mob while the Mayor was trying to restore order? Little attention would be paid to his right to walk the streets at such a time."

"And so to-day, when the world is in a riot, when Europe is a slaughter house, and when the blood of the slain reddens the sea beyond the three-mile limit—this is no time for Americans to talk about the assertion of rights in such a way as to menace the Nation's peace. It is time to consider duty to country and to fellow citizens. And, since some are either too blind or too unpatriotic to do this, it is the duty of Congress to act, and to act at once, before new complications arise."

"The Captain of a belligerent vessel may at any moment forfeit the lives of many passengers by trying to escape, or by making resistance. Why should American citizens be permitted to take such risks, when they risk their Nation's peace as well as their own lives? This nation is not seeking a cause for war; then why permit a few citizens to supply material for sensational papers?"

"Belligerent ships should be denied clearance or entry if they carry American passengers. That will keep this country out of any controversy that may hereafter be raised by submarine warfare. But to make certainty doubly sure, clearance and entry should be denied to the passenger ships of neutral countries—including our own—if they carry contraband with passengers. Passengers are entitled to the entire attention of the ships' officers at a time like this. The thoughts of the officers should not be diverted from care of passengers to care of contraband cargo."

"Congress should act at once!"

Women Of Sedentary Habits.

Women who get but little exercise are likely to be troubled with constipation and indigestion and will find Chamberlain's Tablets highly beneficial. Not so good as a three or four mile walk every day, but very much better than to allow the bowels to remain in a constipated condition. They are easy and pleasant to take and most agreeable in effect. Obtainable everywhere.

Swords Now Passe.

Berlin, Jan. 15.—The officers sword, whose usefulness had long since vanished and whose sole remaining function was to trip its wearer up at inopportune times, is now to disappear officially at the German front. The Emperor has just issued an order permitting officers at the front, with the exception of

the commanders of large detachments and staff officers, to wear a short knife or bayonet. The order approves a custom which had already established itself with the tacit acquiescence of the military authorities.

THE STEADY SUBSCRIBER.

How dear to our heart is the steady subscriber, who pays in advance without skipping a year;

Who takes out his money and offers it gladly, and casts 'round the office a halo of cheer.

Who never says, "Stop it, I cannot afford it," or "Getting more papers each week than I read."

But always says, "Send it, the whole family like it; in fact, it is one indispensable need."

How welcome his check or this crisp U. S. dollar, how he makes our heart throb and our eyes fairly dance.

We outwardly thank him—we inwardly bless him—the steady subscriber who pays in advance.

THE WOMAN PRISONER  
WAS A WALKING SALOON

Huntington, W. Va., Jan. 14.—Clunk, clunk!

"What was that, Bill?" asked Prohibition Officer Jones to one of his aids after the two policemen had arrested a man and woman at a local depot, charged with violating the Yost prohibition law.

"Don't know, but it sounded like two bottles," was the answer.

"You sure you got all that whiskey off the man?" inquired Officer Jones.

After receiving an affirmative answer he said: "Then search that woman."

It was not necessary. She gave up on the spot rather than have the two policemen search her.

"Aw, say, take me to cover first and I'll show you some whiskey," she declared.

A patrol carried the couple to headquarters, where it was found the woman was a walking saloon. Ten pints of whiskey were found suspended by strings under her skirts, the officers say, besides, where pads are usually found, whiskey-filled bottles were located.

The two gave their names as Mr. and Mrs. Sam Badger, of Charleston, W. Va. They admitted that the whiskey was for sale. Both were held for trial to-morrow.

Local prohibition detectives say the women are the ones violating the law since the recent railroad injunction went into effect.

The liver loses its activity at times and needs help. Herbine is an effective liver stimulant. It also purifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength, vigor and cheerful spirits. Price 50c. Sold by Wilbur Mitchell, Beaver Dam.

TRAVELS 8,000 MILES  
WITH A BROKEN BACK

Roselawn, Ind., Jan. 14.—A journey of 8,000 miles in a basket bed ended yesterday when C. C. Smith, a mining engineer, of Natal, South Africa, arrived at the home of his parents. He suffered a broken back in a mine accident and is paralyzed from the waist down, but nevertheless will wed Miss Amy Palmer, an English nurse, who cared for him in a hospital in Cardiff, Wales, and helped bring him home.

Smith and a companion were repairing machinery in the South African workings. A huge rock fell, killing his companion. At Smith's request the company started him home, appropriating \$25,000 for the surgical and other expenses of the trip. The journey was broken at Cardiff so that the injured man might receive special medical attention, and it was there that he met Miss Palmer. Because of the size of the basket in which Smith traveled it was necessary to take out the windows of a railroad coach to get him aboard the train.

To Cure Children's Colds.

Keep child dry, clothes comfortable, avoid exposure and give Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It is pleasant, soothing, antiseptic, raises phlegm and reduces inflammation. The first dose gives relief, continued treatment with proper care will avoid serious illness or a long cold. Don't delay treatment. Don't let your child suffer. Get a bottle to-day. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. 25c at druggists.

Misery loves company, but it is usually of the unrequited sort.

## LATEST FIGURES ON AUTOMOBILES

Half the Cars Sold Here  
Last Year

WERE PURCHASED BY FARMERS

Total Direct Expenditure For  
Upkeep Last Year Was  
\$577,000,000.

OVER 2,000,000 CARS IN USE

Fully one-half of the cars sold in the United States during the last year were bought by farmers. In the four years from 1911 to 1914 the number of cars registered in the grain States, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Kansas and Oklahoma, increased from 130,000 to 560,000 and one half are said to be owned by farmers, who paid \$250,000,000 for them. There are 30,000 automobile dealers' garages, repair shops and charging stations in the country. More than 2,000,000 motor cars were registered in various States in July, 1915.

The total direct expenditures for gasoline, oil, tires, insurance, &c., is estimated at \$577,000,000 annually. Six thousand persons, it is estimated, made the trip from east of the Mississippi to California last summer. Allowing an average expenditure of \$20 a day, and 35 days for the trip, they spent \$4,200,000. Tourists in New England alone, according to the Hotel Men's Association, spent \$6,000,000 during the year. The money paid for upkeep each year about equals the amount spent for new cars. Together the sums are said to exceed \$1,000,000,000.

Manufacturers believe that the demand for popular-priced touring cars will continue to increase. With each \$25 decrease in price has come a greater demand. It is believed that there are 5,500,000 persons in the United States with incomes of \$1,200 or over, of whom 3,225,000 have incomes of \$1,800 or over. All of the latter class, the manufacturers think, can afford to maintain a low-priced automobile and within a few years they expect to develop an automobile whose first cost and price of upkeep will be within the reach of a \$1,000 income. In regard to the development of the market for commercial vehicles some of them are not so confident. They do not believe that a commercial vehicle sufficiently cheap and simple for use in small towns or on farms, has been developed. The field of the commercial car is thought to be in big cities and towns, but the situation may be changed at any time by the development of a car with the qualities demanded.

Most of the important concerns are members of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, which a member describes as formed for "promoting co-operative competition." Through it every member is advised of the number of cars produced and sold and other details. The rules require members to exchange free licenses under all their motor vehicle patents except design patents, certain other patents and basic patents of a revolutionary character. An attempt is being made to bring about the adoption of a uniform fifty-six-inch tread, which would result in an economy of approximately \$1,250,000 a year.

Heartburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by Herbine. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone to the stomach and bowels. Price 50c. Sold by Wilbur Mitchell, Beaver Dam.

A DEMONSTRATION OF  
THE SPEED OF A TURTLE

The slowness of the turtle again is proved, but he gets there just the same. While hunting on Dantz Run in Delmar Township, L. R. Van Horn found a large mud turtle. He noticed a steel plate on its back which bore the inscription "V. D. G., 4-13-13." It was supposed that these were the initials of V. D. Groes, of Tyadaghton, and Van Horn wrote him a letter.

He replied that he had found the

turtle in Pine Creek at Tyadaghton and put on the plate and turned him loose. In two years and seven months his turtle has traveled 18 miles. Van Horn has had a copper plate made with his initials and address, and he will send the turtle to some point in the North Tier and have it liberated.—[Wellsboro (Penn.) Cor. New York Sun.]

ODD BITS OF NEWS.

Dassel, Minn.—Neils Benson 77, and Johanna Dahlberg, 81, were married here recently. Mrs. Benson is the oldest bride Minnesota has ever had.

Chicago, Ill.—The mysterious "pepper bandit," who has been holding up pedestrians for many weeks, was arrested recently. He was an anemic boy, 18 years old, named Fred Logue. He confessed nineteen holdups, all accomplished with a toy glass pistol.

South Bethlehem, Pa.—Joseph Danko arrived at this place recently with a 16-months old child strapped to his back, on his way to New York. He had walked with the baby on his back from Canada, a distance of 250 miles, keeping the child alive on crackers and water.

Persia, Ia.—For eleven hours Mrs. August Sedden lay in a trance and saw her friends and relatives preparing for her burial. When the undertaker was about to place her in the coffin, she succeeded in sighing and thus prevented her burial alive. She is expected to recover.

Hood River, Ore.—A sturgeon which has been a captive in a small pool for over 30 years, has been released by Mrs. Sue M. Adams Armstrong who owned him. The fish had grown from a small one to over six feet in length. Dazed, at first, by his freedom, he quickly recovered himself and disappeared in the deep channel of the Columbia river.

Richardsville, Ia.—A dog belonging to L. M. Datisman, who rents the home formerly occupied by James Maxwell near here, was seen digging recently, when something glittering appeared in the dirt. Datisman investigated and found a box containing \$1,000 in gold coins. It is presumed that Maxwell, who was said to be miserly, used to bury his money. Maxwell was killed in a railroad wreck.

St. Louis, Mo.—"Hands up!" The command came from one of two robbers who entered a saloon recently. The crowd at the bar raised their hands, all except one—armed Michael McCarthy. Then a pistol spoke and McCarthy dropped dead. When the robbers saw McCarthy's empty sleeve, they fled panic stricken.

Any little wound or abrasion of the flesh occurring in cold weather that is not promptly treated becomes a bad sore and is difficult to heal. Apply Ballard's Snow Liniment at once when such accidents happen. The wound heals promptly and soon goes away with the annoyance of a bandage. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Wilbur Mitchell, Beaver Dam.

1216 Eclipses.

During the present year there will be three eclipses of the sun and two of the moon. A partial eclipse of the moon, January 20, will be visible to North America. The moon enters the shadow at 2:55 a. m. and leaves it at 4:20 a. m. eastern standard time. February 2 a total eclipse of the sun will be visible to this continent. July 14 there will be a partial eclipse of the moon, beginning at 10:19 p. m. An eclipse of the sun July 30 will not be visible in this country. December 24 there will be another eclipse of the sun which will not be visible to Americans.

Bad Cold Quickly Broken Up.

Mrs. Martha Wilcox, Gowanda, N. Y., writes: "I first used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy about 8 years ago. At that time I had a hard cold and coughed most of the time. It proved to be just what I needed. It broke up the cold in a few days, and the cough entirely disappeared. I have told many of my friends of this medicine, and all who have used it speak of it in the highest terms."

Justifiable Delay.

"Are you aware," asked the landlady, "that your room rent is three weeks overdue?"

"I'm awfully sorry," said the man who occupies the third floor hall room, "but the gaslight in my room is so dim that I haven't been able to read those little reminders you've been slipping under my door."